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 COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) [REDACTED] REPORT NO. [REDACTED] 25X1  
 TOPIC Merseburg Airfield 25X1  
 EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1  
 DATE OF CONTENT 27 October to 16 November 1951  
 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 11 December 1951  
 REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1  
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 REMARKS

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1. Between 27 October and 6 November 1951, the barracks buildings at Merseburg airfield seemed to be fully occupied since all the windows were lighted at night. A small number of Soviet soldiers were grading the landing field. [REDACTED]  
 25X1 [REDACTED] 150 tons of potatoes had been delivered to the unit at the field. \*

2. The last 100-meter strip at the west end of the runway, which had been torn up, was completely graded. The hills on the west edge of the field were leveled. The runway had a length of 2,100 meters. Drainage pipes were being laid under the runway about 200 meters from the west end of the taxiway. These pipes apparently joined the sewers north of the runway. The spur track in the northern section of the field was removed. The sites of the former spur track and the newly extended area northeast of the field were graded and sown with grass. The tents and 15 to 20 trucks were still at their previous locations. \*\*

3. On 31 October, an Li-2 circled over Merseburg for about one hour. The plane then landed next to the runway because the runway itself was obstructed by construction machines.

4. On 16 November, the first jet fighter landed at the field. [REDACTED]  
 25X1 grading work in the northeastern corner of the runway would take another eight days. \*\*\*

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. The delivery of such a large quantity of potatoes indicates that the field will probably be permanently occupied by an air unit.  
 25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] . The reported length of the runway agrees with previous statements.  
 25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. The report does not indicate whether the MiG-15 only made an intermediate landing for testing the runway or whether it was the first aircraft of a fighter unit.

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